



# HUNTINGTON BEACH PLANNING DEPARTMENT

## MAJOR PROJECTS NEWSLETTER

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**Downtown Specific Plan Update**

The Planning Commission approved the entitlements for the Downtown Specific Plan Update at a special October 12 meeting that had been continued from a special October 6 meeting. The Commission certified the Environmental Impact Report as adequate at the October 6 meeting; it has subsequently been appealed to the City Council. The General Plan Amendment, Local Coastal Program Amendment and Zoning Text Amendment were approved at the October 12 meeting and forwarded to City Council for final approval. The City Council is slated to consider these entitlements at their November 2 regular meeting.

**Project Planner: Jennifer Villaseñor**

**Massage Ordinance adopted by Council**

At the October 5, 2009 City Council meeting, the Council adopted Zoning Text Ordinance 09-003, which would reclassify massage parlors as a personal service and require massage professionals to obtain state certification. The ordinance will go into effect on November 18, 2009 and starting March 1, 2010, all Massage Therapist and Practitioners working in the City must show proof of State Certification. Additional information on the ordinance, including the power point presentation from the October 5 City Council meeting, is available on the Planning Department website at

<http://www.surfcity-hb.org/government/departments/planning/massageord.cfm>.

**Study Session on Bolsa Chica Lowland Annexation**

The Planning Department presented the findings of a fiscal impact study on the anticipated fiscal, operational, and implementation issues for the potential annexation of the remaining unincorporated area in the Bolsa Chica lowlands at an October 5 City Council Study Session. A copy of the report is available on the Planning Department website at

<http://www.surfcity-hb.org/government/departments/planning/>.

**ASCON Landfill**

Beginning October 22, the draft Interim Removal Measure Workplan, draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and other related documents for the ASCON landfill will be available at the Huntington Beach Central Library, Banning Library and the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732. DTSC will consider and respond to all public comments before implementing field work. Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than November 23, 2009, and sent to Safouh Sayed, Project Manager, Department of Toxic Substances Control, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, E-mail: [ssayed@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:ssayed@dtsc.ca.gov). For additional information, please visit the DTSC Ascon website at:

<http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Projects/Ascon.cfm>.

### **Beach and Edinger Corridors Study Draft EIR Available for Review**

The Planning Commission is currently holding study sessions on the Beach Boulevard/Edinger Avenue Corridors Specific Plan. The Commission held a study session on October 13. Others are scheduled for October 27 and November 10<sup>th</sup>. The Specific Plan, which encompasses 459 acres, is intended to implement a clear and comprehensive vision for growth and change along Beach Boulevard and Edinger Avenue. A new fact sheet outlining the highlights of the Specific Plan has been posted on the Planning Department website at

[http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Planning/major/beach\\_Edinger.cfm](http://www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Planning/major/beach_Edinger.cfm).

**Project Planner: Rosemary Medel**

### **Resolution 1636**

The Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 1636 at the October 13, 2009 meeting acknowledging the excellent individual performance of Senior Planner Rami Talleh and expressing their deepest appreciation for his service to the City. Rami has worked with the City since July 2001; he will be leaving in mid October to pursue career opportunities outside of the City.

### **Al Brady voted to Code Enforcement Board**

Code Enforcement Officer II Al Brady was voted to the Board of Directors for the California Association of Code Enforcement Officers (CACEO). He will be one of three representatives for Region 7 (Orange County). Al has been with the City of Huntington Beach for 11 years.

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